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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION

Letter dated 7 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative
of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by
His Excellency Mr. Touleutai S. Suleimenov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Kazakhstan (see annex).

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could
be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 10 of
the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Akmaral K. ARYSTANBEKOVA

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Annex

Letter dated 24 August 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Kazakhstan addressed to the Secretary-General

In 1995 the world community will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations - an international forum uniting 183 States, including those which have quite recently attained independence as a result of the democratic changes in Eastern Europe and the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

After long years of confrontation and "cold war", the peoples of the Earth now have a historic chance to turn the United Nations into an instrument of effective cooperation for peace and progress, as you rightly point out in your report "An Agenda for Peace" (A/47/277-S/24111).

When addressing the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the President of the Republic, Mr. Nursultan Nazarbaev, also stressed that the world had now really reached the point where the clear and, at the same time, obscure challenge of the times obliged us to embark on a new type of coordination and organization of our joint efforts.

With a view to promoting a collective attempt to identify new foundations for coexistence among States in a world that is more than ever integrated and interdependent, the President of Kazakhstan suggested that a special session of the General Assembly be convened to discuss the problems of the post-confrontation era. We believe that, as the time to celebrate this historic United Nations anniversary approaches, it would be extremely useful to discuss the new tasks facing our Organization.

In our view, the fundamental problems which could be considered in the course of the suggested special session are set out in your reports "An Agenda for Peace" and "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold-war era" (A/C.1/47/7). They were also vividly highlighted in the basic documents of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro, and of the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna. Furthermore, the holding of such a special session in the context of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly would not involve any additional financial expense.

In light of the above, we believe that the special session of the General Assembly could consider the following topic: "Ways and means of strengthening international peace and security for the purpose of stable development and affirmation of the principles of democratization".

In the context of this topic, we would consider it possible to discuss problems relating to the strengthening and development of preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping, United Nations interaction with regional structures and organizations, stable global economic development in connection with the problems of the planet's environmental security, strengthening of democratic principles in national development, increased effectiveness of United Nations activities and strengthening of the Organization's role under newly changed conditions.

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We are also ready to discuss other proposals with Member States and to display the greatest possible flexibility and understanding in doing so. We hope to win the support and to draw on the invaluable experience of States Members of the United Nations in addressing what seems to us an issue of great importance for all, as well as to receive your personal support.

Kazakhstan invites all interested States Members of the United Nations to unite their efforts in imparting the requisite dynamism to the Organization's actions and ensuring that they adequately meet the challenges of our times, in the interests of progress and justice.

(Signed) T. SULEIMENOV
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Kazakhstan
